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Letter dated 24 July 2000 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

Further to my report on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) of 20 July 2000 (S/2000/718), I have the honour to inform you that the Israeli authorities have removed all violations of the line of withdrawal. Further, in a meeting with Mr. Terje Roed-Larsen, my Special Envoy, President Lahoud and Prime Minister Hoss today gave their consent to the full deployment of UNIFIL. President Lahoud confirmed this decision to me in a subsequent telephone conversation.

The Force's deployment will take place on 26 July and is to be immediately followed by the deployment of the composite Lebanese unit referred to in paragraph 21 of my report of 16 June 2000 (S/2000/590). Major-General Obeng, the UNIFIL Force Commander, discussed with the Lebanese military authorities today the operational details of the deployment.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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